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FORCED LABOR AND CHILD LABOR IN THE PRODUCTION OF
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There is no indication that forced labor or exploitative child labor is used in the production of goods in Germany. According to our contacts in the Federal Labor Ministry and the ILO's Germany office, involuntary child labor in the production of goods is not a problem in Germany. Children and teenagers are protected by the Young Persons Protection of Employment Act (Jugendarbeitsschutzgesetz -JArbSchG). Pursuant to Sec. 5 of the Act, however, young persons who want to work may, under certain restrictions, take "easy jobs" such as delivering newspapers from the age of 14 as long as they only work for a limited number of hours.

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